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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Alameda – Coast Guard Unloads Nearly 10 Tons of Seized Drugs

(U) The US Coast Guard Cutter Munro dropped off nearly 10 tons of drugs seized from smugglers in the Pacific Ocean at its home base in Alameda. The crew offloaded 11,450 pounds of marijuana and 8,200 pounds of cocaine confiscated since January off the coasts of Mexico, Central and South America. Before dropping off the seizures, the cutter made a stop in San Diego to drop off 12 people detained on drug charges, along significant quantities of cocaine and marijuana. Officials estimated that the total seized on the expedition to be 15.5 tons of drugs valued at \$350 million.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [SF Gate](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Gang Member Sentenced to 16 Years for Firebombing Black Families' Homes

(U) A leader of a Latino street gang was sentenced to 16 years in prison for a 2014 firebombing that sought to drive Black families out of a Los Angeles housing project. The convict and seven other members of the Big Hazard gang smashed windows and tossed Molotov cocktails into four apartments where most resident, including children, were sleeping. No one was injured at the time. The sentencing closes one of the most significant hate-crime prosecutions in recent years in Los Angeles. The other participants also pled guilty to federal hate crimes and related offenses.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [LA Times](#)

(U) Rio Linda – Woman, Seven Inmates Suspected in \$120K California EDD Fraud Ring

(U) Authorities advised a woman was arrested at a Rio Linda home in connection to a suspected Employment Development Department (EDD) fraud ring that also allegedly involves seven inmates. The woman arrested is suspected of fraudulently receiving over \$120K from California EDD. A total of seven state inmates have also been linked to the case with two inmates already having charged filed against them in the case. No names have been released, but authorities have noted that some of the inmates appear to have gang affiliations.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Seize 900 Pounds of Marijuana

(U) Edinburg – The Rio Grande City Border Patrol (RGC) agents seized more than \$712K worth of marijuana in failed narcotics smuggling attempts near Edinburg. The first seizure occurred as agents, following footprints, tracked down and arrested four individuals carrying bundles of narcotics weighing 186 pounds. RGC agents seized the second significant amount after observing individuals loading bundles of suspected narcotics into a Sport Utility Vehicle. Agents seized the narcotics, which weighed 704 pounds. In total, RGC agents seized nearly 900 pounds of illicit marijuana with a street value of \$712K dollars.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [US CBP](#)

(U) Mexico – Authorities Charge Three, Detain 25 in Ambush Killing of 13 Police

(U) Mexico City – Investigators have identified three people as the suspected masterminds of last week's ambush slaying of 13 law enforcement officers in central Mexico, and a drug gang appears to be involved. The prosecutor's office advised 25 others have been detained in the case and are suspected of working for the Familia Michoacana drug gang. Eight state officers and five prosecution investigators died in the March 18 attack on their convoy.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [Star Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida– US Coast Guard Repatriates 17 Cuban Migrants

(U) Miami – The US Coast Guard repatriated 17 Cubans a few days after they were caught trying to enter the country illegally. The migrants were interdicted about 54 miles south of Key West, Florida and "brought aboard due to safety of life at sea concerns." Since 1 October 2020, US Coast Guard crews have interdicted 107 Cubans trying to enter the country illegally.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [Jamaica Star](#)

(U) Iowa – Two Staff Members Die after Assault at Anamosa State Penitentiary

(U) Anamosa – The Iowa Department of Corrections confirmed two staff members died following an assault at Anamosa State Penitentiary. The assault remains under investigation by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. The Department advised that the inmate attacked multiple staff members and inmates in the prison's infirmary and was restrained by security as other staff members attempted life-saving measures on the injured staff members until paramedics arrived. Officials advised a corrections officer and department nurse later died from their injuries.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [KCCI Des Moines](#)

(U) Kansas – FBI Investigating Poison Powder Mailed to County Officials

(U) Sedgwick County – The FBI's Joint Terrorism Force is investigating a potential biological attack aimed at the Sedgwick County Government. The finance department received a certified letter from a group claiming to be part of a Moorish nationalist group. The envelope contained a three-page document coated with an unknown white powder. The substance was later identified as diaminotoluene, a highly toxic and potentially fatal substance used in dye making. Multiple employees handled the letter and began to experience symptoms, with one transferred to a local hospital where they recovered. The origins of the letter are still under investigation by federal authorities.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [The Wichita Eagle](#)

(U) Wisconsin – QAnon Supporter Accused of Firing Paintballs at Soldiers

(U) Pewaukee – Authorities arrested a Wisconsin QAnon supporter for allegedly firing paintball rounds at two reservists in Pewaukee. The suspect drove a car, spray-painted with QAnon slogans, to the Wisconsin Army Reserve Center and fired two or three paintball rounds at the soldiers. The rounds did not hit the reservists. One of the soldiers, a Sheriff's deputy, tackled the suspect and held him on the ground until police arrived. The suspect was charged in federal court with attacking US servicemen and assaulting officers.

SOURCE: 22 March 2021, [WISN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) England – Explosive Substance Found in South London as Man Arrested for Terrorism Offenses

(U) London – Authorities arrested a suspect in south west London on suspicion of terrorism offenses and possessing explosive substances. The suspect is currently detained at a central London police station on the charges as authorities continue to investigate the property where the suspect was arrested. Authorities lifted the evacuation order for the area after assessing no further risk to people living in the area.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [Metro UK](#)

(U) Finland – Finland Warns Far-Right Terror Threat Growing as Plans Detected

(U) Helsinki – Finnish Security and Intelligence Service has identified far-right operators with the capacity and motivation to mount a terrorist attack and advised “some indications of concrete preparation have also emerged.” Extreme right-wing terrorism continues to be a growing threat in Finland. In addition, cyber espionage has increased with the pandemic, with “exceptionally intensive state-sponsored” operations detected around Finland’s foreign and security policy.

SOURCE: 23 March 2021, [Bloomberg](#)

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